

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re Application of: Carpentier, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3774  
Application No.: 10/729,035 ) Examiner: Walker, Amanda H.  
Filing Date: December 5, 2003 )  
10 For: FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND ) **Customer Number: 30452**  
ASSOCIATED CONNECTING BAND ) Confirmation No.: 2075  
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Mail Stop AF  
15 Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 14, 2008, please see the amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.

**Petition for Extension of Time**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants petition for an extension of time for One (1) Month to respond to the above-referenced Office Action on or before June 14, 2008. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee of \$120 to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (Docket No. ECV-5413CIP2CON1).